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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITED  
ACTIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN INVASIVE PLANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and  
4 patrolmen appointed by the commissioner under authority of section  
5 26-5, shall enforce the provisions of title 23 and this title and chapters  
6 246, 247, 248, 255 and 268 and regulations adopted pursuant to such  
7 titles and chapters and sections 15-180, 22a-250, 22a-381d, 26-192c to  
8 26-192h, inclusive, 29-28, 29-35, 29-38, 53-134, 53-190, 53-191, 53-194,  
9 53-203, 53-204, 53-205, 53a-59 to 53a-64, inclusive, 53a-100 to 53a-117a,  
10 inclusive, subsection (b) of section 53a-119b, 53a-122 to 53a-125,  
11 inclusive, 53a-130, 53a-133 to 53a-136, inclusive, 53a-147 to 53a-149,  
12 inclusive, 53a-157b, 53a-165 to 53a-167c, inclusive, 53a-171, 53a-181 to  
13 53a-183a, inclusive, 54-33d and 54-33e.

14 (b) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and  
15 patrolmen may, without warrant, arrest any person for any violation of

16 any of the provisions set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and any  
17 full-time conservation officer shall, in the performance of his duties in  
18 any part of the state, have the same powers to enforce such laws as do  
19 policemen or constables in their respective jurisdictions. Any full-time  
20 conservation officer shall, incident to a lawful arrest while enforcing  
21 such laws in the performance of his duties in any part of the state, have  
22 the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement  
23 of the law relating thereto as policemen or constables have in their  
24 respective jurisdictions.

25 (c) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or  
26 patrolman may, anywhere within the boundaries of the state, examine  
27 the contents of any boat, ship, automobile or other vehicle, box, locker,  
28 basket, creel, crate, game bag or game coat or other package in which  
29 he has probable cause to believe that any fish, crustacean, bird or  
30 quadruped is being kept, in violation of any said statutory provisions  
31 or any regulation issued by the commissioner, or any regulation issued  
32 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as provided by section  
33 26-91, and to ascertain whether any provision of any law or any  
34 regulation for the protection of any fish, crustacean, bird or quadruped  
35 has been or is being violated, and, shall have the same authority as  
36 police officers to obtain and execute search warrants as provided for in  
37 sections 54-33a, 54-33b and 54-33c.

38 (d) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or  
39 patrolman, may be appointed a special policeman under the  
40 provisions of section 29-18.

41 (e) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to  
42 assign one or more conservation officers to patrol and inspect the  
43 buildings, lands and waters owned by The White Memorial  
44 Foundation, Incorporated, located in the towns of Litchfield and  
45 Morris and, in addition to their powers as conservation officers, such  
46 officers may be appointed special policemen under the provisions of  
47 section 29-18.

48       (f) Each conservation officer, special conservation officer or  
49 patrolman shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	26-6
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***ENV***       *Joint Favorable*